

**In the specification:**

After page 1, line 2, please insert the following:

**CROSS REFERENCE**

**This application is the US national phase of International Application No. PCT/NL2003/000917, filed December 19, 2003, which designated the U.S., the entire contents of which is hereby incorporated by reference.**

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**1. Field of the invention**

**The invention relates to a device and method for converting an AC voltage.**

**2. Related Art**

After page 1, line 23, please insert:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

After page 3, line 11, please insert:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING**

**Fig. 1 is a detailed circuit diagram in accordance with the present invention.**

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT**

Page 5, lines 8 and 9 have been amended as follows:

Restarting of transistor 27 (Q2) takes place automatically using self-induction  
**element 32.**